



Lt. Governor Skillman Unveils Heart Gallery

As part of National Adoption Month, last week I had the opportunity to unveil a touching photo display at the Indiana Statehouse. The Indiana Department of Child Services developed the Heart Gallery so that Hoosiers would see pictures of children here in Indiana that are waiting to be adopted.



Lt. Governor Skillman unveils the Indiana Heart Gallery, a traveling photo display of children in the State of Indiana eligible for adoption.

These photos are being positioned around the State of Indiana in hopes that future adoptive parents may see pictures of children they might wish to adopt. The display schedule can be seen at

<http://www.in.gov/dcs/3033.htm>.

Adoption has always held a special place in my heart. Knowing that adoption was possible for my husband and me was very comforting, but it was ultimately not pursued when our son was born after 10 years of marriage. .

This gave me the motivation to sponsor legislation in the state senate that makes the adoption process easier. As I looked at the pictures in the Heart Gallery, I know these children are some of the faces of children that can be affected by that law.

The Heart Gallery display is already having a positive effect. Less than a day after coverage of the event, one couple called to adopt one of the children pictured.

I hope each of you has the opportunity to view the Heart Gallery when it comes near your home. Better still, encourage those who are considering adoption to view the display or visit the website <http://www.in.gov/dcs/2730.htm>.

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